

cher, Shepard, Sims, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Townes, Walker and Wallace—21.

Mr. Rainey then moved to make the bill the special order for Wednesday, the 11th inst., which was lost by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Chambers, Erath, Harman, Lott, Parsons, Rains, Rainey and Whaley—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Dickinson, Duggan, Fall, Gentry, Grimes, Guinn, Hart, Herbert, Hyde, Martin, Pitts, Potter, Quinan, Scarborough, Schleicher, Sims, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Townes, Walker and Wallace—21.

The vote was then taken on the passage of the bill, and was carried as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Fall, Gentry, Hart, Hyde, Martin, Potter, Quinan, Rainey, Scarborough, Schleicher Shepard, Sims, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Townes, Walker and Wallace—17.

NAYS.—Messrs. Chambers, Dickinson, Duggan, Erath, Grimes, Guinn, Harman, Herbert, Lott, Parsons, Pitts, Rains and Whaley—13.

On motion of Mr. Hart, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

THURSDAY, January 5th, 1860.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present—the journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Schleicher presented the petition of sundry citizens of the counties of Blanco, Kerr and Bexar. Referred to the committee on County and County Boundaries.

Mr. Townes presented the petition of Shelly & Carrington. Referred to committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Grimes presented the petition of the heirs of J. G. W. Peirson. Referred to the committee on the Court of Claims. Also the petition of the heirs of A. E. Patton, which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to incorporate the Southern Fire Insurance Company, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Fall, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following bills correctly engrossed :

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Caldwell Carson.

A bill for the relief of Eli Spencer and A. L. Cantwell.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution.

Mr. Quinan, chairman of the committee on Education, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the McKenzie College, reported the same to the Senate and recommended its passage with the following amendments :

1st. Amend by striking out all of the caption of the bill and inserting as follows : An act to incorporate the McKenzie Male and Female College.

2nd. In 3rd line and 11th section of the bill, strike out the words "space of ninety nine," and insert the words "term of twenty."

3rd. In 4th line same section, strike out the word "it" and insert the words "this act," and in 5th line after the word "after" strike out "the" and insert the word "its" and strike out in same line all after the word "passage."

Mr. Hyde, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred a bill for the relief of Ewing Clayton, returned the same to the Senate and asked its reference to the joint committee on the Court of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the rule was suspended, the report was taken up and adopted.

Mr. Hart introduced a bill to amend the 389th and 390th articles of the Criminal Code. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Guinn introduced a bill for the relief of Dr. C. G. Keenan. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Throckmorton, of the committee of Conference, on a bill for the relief of Wiley Burns and others, reported that the committee had agreed upon the bill as reported by message from the House on yesterday to the Senate, which report was adopted.

A bill to amend the fourth section of the act of May 12th, 1846, entitled an act to regulate the license and practice of attorneys and counsellors at law. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill granting land to actual settlers. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

A bill to pay certain persons for arresting John T. Shanks, and procuring testimony against him. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill granting a pension to Joseph E. Field. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Finance.

The following bills were read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims:

A bill for the relief of David M. Shropshire.

A bill for the relief of Iredell Redding.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to regulate interest being the special order. Mr. Hart offered the following amendment to the substitute for the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th sections offered by him on a previous day.

SEC. 3. The parties to any written contract may agree to and stipulate for any premium or rate of interest, and the same may be taken, allowed and recovered on any such written contract: provided that if any such contract stipulates for a greater rate of interest than twelve per centum per annum, only 12 per centum per annum shall be taken, allowed or recovered, after the maturity of such contract, unless the payment of principal and interest due, shall be demanded at maturity, which demand may be made either by action at law or suit, or by demand with protest as is now required by law for the payment of commercial paper in order to fix the liability of endorsers. In case such demand is not made, then only twelve per centum per annum interest shall be taken, allowed or recovered after the maturity of such contract.

SEC. 4. Every judgment of the several courts of this State shall from the time the same are rendered, bear interest at the rate of eight per centum per annum, except in cases where the obligation sued on and on which the judgment is rendered, is a contract in writing by which a greater or less rate than eight per centum per annum, in which case the judgment shall bear interest on the principal sum at the rate stipulated in the contract, subject however to the proviso of the foregoing section.

Change the number of section four of the bill to section five.

On motion of Mr. Hart, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

FRIDAY, January 6th, 1860.

Senate met. Prayer by the Rev. Wm. M. Baker—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Whaley presented the petition of Henry G. Hudson. Referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Pitts presented the petition of S. S. Frazier for land, also the petition of Sarah A. Callison for land, which were severally referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Erath presented the petition of sundry citizens of McClenan county relative to the jury laws. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.